

MINUTES FOR THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
DECEMBER 20, 2023

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Roberts on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. Those participating were:

Colleen Roberts, Chair  
Rick Dyer, Commissioner  
Shannon Bell, Senior Deputy County Administrator  
Madison Simmons, Senior Assistant County Counsel  
Nathan Sickler, Sheriff  
William DeKruger, Criminal Deputy, Sheriff's Office  
Megan Cook, Recording Secretary  
Members of the Public and Press

Absent: Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentation: Tayen Landers for a Heroic and Lifesaving Act

Commissioner Roberts welcomed Mr. Tayen Landers to the meeting and asked Commissioner Dyer to present his award. Commissioner Dyer read about the heroic and lifesaving act that took place on November 15, 2023, and said that he was deeply impressed by Mr. Landers' actions that day. Commissioner Roberts said that she was impressed with how Mr. Landers handled the situation at his age, and thanked him on behalf of all the citizens that were involved. Sheriff Sickler said that he is very proud of Mr. Landers' actions and that what he did was beyond his years. He said that his clear thinking and ability to remain calm during a chaotic event probably saved many lives. He then presented Mr. Landers with a lifesaving coin. Ms. Melissa Brown, Dispatcher, Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon, expressed what a pleasure it is to meet Mr. Landers and that she has been a 911 dispatcher for approximately 14 years; his call made her want to continue for another 14 years. Deputy DeKruger said that he is proud and impressed by Mr. Landers' actions. Mr. Landers said that he is grateful to the Sheriff's Office and to everyone who helped save his and his grandmother's lives that day. Ms. Patty Landers said that she loves her grandson very much and thanked him and everyone who assisted with saving her life and supported her throughout her recovery after the accident.

*10.00 Request for and Discussion of Non-Agenda Items (5-Minute Limit)*

Joyce Michelangelo, Central Point, spoke, in-person, about her concerns related to the current petition regarding the potential election that would create five Jackson County Commissioner positions and spoke about the potential agenda of the individuals that are supporting the petition. She said that all three Commissioners bring a wealth of knowledge to their current positions that benefit the entire County and she expressed her appreciation for the way that the County currently operates.

Karen Shrader, Phoenix, spoke, in-person, about her concerns regarding the Colorado Supreme Court's decision barring former President Donald Trump from holding a position on the 2024 primary ballots, and said that Colorado may not be the last state that wishes to do so. She asked if it would be beneficial to write to the Oregon Supreme Court Justices regarding her concerns.

Robin Lee, Medford, said, in-person, that she appreciates all of the work that the Commissioners do for the County and supports Ms. Michelangelo previous statements. She feels that Jackson County is one of the best-run counties in Oregon.

Sherman Simmons, Central Point, said, in-person that he has come before the Board to speak several times and that he appreciates the follow up from the Commissioners and support staff.

Brad Fry, Rogue River, said, by videoconference, that he appreciates the Board's communication and thanked them for their service to the County, and that he supports the comments provided by Ms. Michelangelo and Ms. Lee.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

*BoC Work Session, November 28, 2023*

*BoC Regular Meeting, November 29, 2023*

*BoC Staff Meeting, November 30, 2023*

20.02 *Order Reappointing Jackson Baures, Johnathan Jones, and Kevin Harris to the Ambulance Service Quality Assurance Committee. Order No. 273-23*

20.03 *Order Appointing Cooper Whitman to the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Order No. 274-23*

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

30.00 Public Hearings

30.01 *Public Hearing and Order in the Matter of Annexation of Property Located at 3946 Kane Creek Road, Central Point, to Jackson County Rural Fire Protection District No. 3. Order No. 275-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Ordinance by title. Ms. Bell explained that, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 198.857, which prescribes the procedure for annexation of property to a district by petition of landowners, the landowner filed a petition with the County on November 7, 2023, requesting that one parcel located at 3946 Kane Creek Road, Central Point, be annexed. The parcel consists of approximately 20.18 acres and is commonly known as Township 37 South, Range 3 West, Section 11, Tax Lot 101. ORS 198.857(4) provides that:

When determining whether to approve the petition, the county board shall consider the local comprehensive plan for the area and any service agreement executed between a local government and the affected district.

County Counsel has reviewed the local comprehensive plan for the area and reported that the annexation of property to fire districts is consistent with the comprehensive plan. Notice of the public hearing was mailed to the petitioner and the board of the fire district on December 15, 2023.

It is recommended that the public hearing be held. Following the public hearing, should the Board of Commissioners find that the proposed annexation is acceptable, approval of the Board Order will implement that action and the effective date of the annexation will be the date of the Order.

Prior to the public hearing, Ms. Simmons read Section 213.07, Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings, of the Codified Ordinances of Jackson County.

Commissioner Roberts opened the public hearing at 9:54 a.m.

No one wished to speak.

Commissioner Roberts closed the public hearing at 9:55 a.m.

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 275-23 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Dyer said that he appreciates citizens taking the initiative to seek protection and is glad the County has this option available to them.

**Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement No. 6638 Between the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections, and Jackson County. Order No. 276-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections (DOC), has made funding available to assist with the costs associated with implementing the Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP), which is designed for qualified Adults on Supervision (AOS) who have primary custody of a minor child. This Agreement will divert qualified AOS from prison to probation with the intent of reducing the State's prison population. Furthermore, this Program promotes reunification of families, prevents children from entering the foster care system, and holds AOS accountable. Qualifying AOS will receive necessary targeted services including case management, substance abuse groups, cognitive building groups, mentoring, and parenting groups.

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 276-23 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

40.02 *First Reading and Scheduling of a Second Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance Approving a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment From Agricultural Land to Aggregate Resource Land and a Zoning Map Amendment From Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to Aggregate Removal (AR) and to add a Portion of the Property (324 Acres) to the County's Goal 5 Inventory of Significant Aggregate Resources on Property Described as Township 35 South, Range 1 West, Section 1, Tax Lot 100, Section 2, Tax Lot 100, and Section 3, Tax Lot 100, Located at 16568 Highway 62, Eagle Point; Freel & Associates, Applicant. File No. 439-23-00001-LRP. Ordinance No. 2023-8*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that the proposed amendments will allow for additional aggregate mining on a larger portion of the subject property, which will provide needed building material in the County.

It is recommended that the first reading of the Ordinance be held on December 20, 2023, and that the second reading and public hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. If adopted on January 3, 2024, the Ordinance will become effective on March 4, 2024.

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-8, and the scheduling of the second reading and public hearing to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

*40.03 Order Authorizing SAVNS Intergovernmental Agreement No. 6575 Between the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections, and Jackson County. Order No. 277-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that DOC; the State of Oregon, Department of Justice (DOJ); State and local law enforcement; corrections officials; court administrators; prosecutors; and victims of violent crimes have identified, as an important goal, the development of a statewide 24-hour automated victim notification system. DOC entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Information Strategies, Inc., a provider of a statewide automated victim notification system (SAVNS). This system gives victims of violent crimes access to, and notification about, critical information concerning the criminal justice process and events related to criminal offenders. Additionally, this Agreement is needed for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and statewide law enforcement to continue to have access to the Victim Information System in Oregon (VISOR).

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 277-23 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

There being no further business, Commissioner Roberts adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:01 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts

Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer

Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Dave Dotterer

Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

/s/ Megan Cook

Megan Cook, Recorder

Approved on: 01/10/2024